

NEWSLETTER FOR THE VOLUNTEERS AT THE CHULA VISTA ANIMAL FACILITY VOL. 3 MARCH 2006





KITTY CITY IS HERE!!!

"Kitty City", the multi-level condominium for cats, donated by volunteer *Diane Verry* and friends is finally here! The "un-assembled" condo in boxes arrived on Saturday, March 4, and animal care assistant Gene Liebel got it all assembled the next day.

Cats are happy and comfy in the new room (officially called Cat Display 3), and PIMA veterinary assistant student extern *Raquel Gastellum* is now painting palm trees, the Coronado Bridge, sailboats and other San Diego skyline views so that Kitty City will be a true reflection of happy cats living in San Diego. Diane and Kitty City were prominently displayed during a presentation given at the Chula Vista City Council meeting on March 7, 2006. The entire presentation can be watched on streaming video at www.chulavistaca.us. Thank you Diane for your efforts on behalf of our shelter cats!

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CHULA VISTA ANIMAL CARE FACILITY has H.E.A.R.T. !!!



Chula Vista Animal Care Facility is proud to announce that the application has been submitted to the IRS for approval of the 501 (c) charity organization Help and Education for Animal Responsibility Team (H.E.A.R.T.) of Chula Vista. The purpose of HEART is to promote the health and welfare of animals of the City of Chula Vista and those of the City of Chula Vista Animal Care Facility.

Our immediate plans for HEART are to develop a website and create brochures and handouts about HEART and our goals. We hope to become an official "United Way" partner in order to raise funds to help our animals. Strong support of community spay and neuter programs and responsible pet ownership education will be one of the primary uses of our new source of funding by HEART. We thank Animal Care Attendant *Gene Liebel* for creating our HEART logo.



We currently have over 50 official volunteers registered for the CVACF. Won't you please check your calendar and notify Lynn Garner if you are available. Lynn's email is

LGarner@chula-vista.ci.ca.gov.



GIRL SCOUTS PAINT NEW CAT ROOMS!

We call the row of new cat display rooms "Cattery Row", and they are getting more beautiful every week. *Girl Scout troop 5016* is working every Saturday morning to create "Kitty Park" and "Kittywood". The rooms are turning out great, and our cat adoption numbers continue to rise, we have gone from 79 cats adopted in Jan-Feb of 2005 to 137 cats adopted in Jan-Feb of 2006. Thanks to "Cattery Row" and all the donated furniture, toys, etc. that has made cats so much more adoptable. Volunteer *Paula Tschauner* brought in a designer kitty litter box that is now in "Kitty City". Thanks Paula!





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Remember, "friends don't let friends have unspayed pets!".

Tell your friends about the neuter scooter today.



The neuter scooter in Chula Vista

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON - April 16, 2006

You are ALL invited to the City of Chula Vista annual volunteer luncheon. You ARE appreciated, and a special celebration is planned for you. Where? City Hall Plaza, 276 4th Avenue. RSVP to 409-5413, business casual attire. Please be our guest!



Rabbit volunteer is featured in House Rabbit Society Newsletter!



Our rabbit volunteer, *Carla Hallum* was recently featured in the House Rabbit Society's newsletter. The article discussed her ongoing efforts to provide the rabbits at our facility a comfortable, happy environment. At any given time, we house from 10 - 20 rabbits. HRS and Carla have been instrumental in providing new cages, hay and exercise pens to help the rabbits. Carla is also responsible for helping many rabbits get adopted, as she spends almost every afternoon at our facility educating the public and answering their questions about rabbits. We are sure this year's rabbit adoption numbers will show an increase from last year's numbers, thanks to Carla. We will keep you posted.

